

Washington, DC – Rep. Mike Honda (CA-15), Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, released the following statement today after news reports that Senator Edward M. Kennedy has been diagnosed by doctors with a malignant brain tumor:

"During this trying time, my thoughts and best wishes are with Senator Edward Kennedy and his family. Few people have had a greater impact on our country than Senator Kennedy, who in his illustrious career has always bolstered the American Dream of opportunity for all. The Senator has been one of the strongest voices in Congress for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, particularly in the areas of immigration, health care, civil rights, and education. I pray for a quick and sound recovery and trust that he will soon be back in Congress, making the invaluable contributions that are his trademark."